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## FOREWORD

This exhibition is one of a series that for twenty-one years has surveyed the field of contemporary American art, and unless unforeseen circumstances arise, will be the last of the series to be given in the Museum's galleries on Eighth Street. The next Annual Exhibition of Contemporary American Painting is scheduled for 1954 in the new building now under construction on West 54th Street.

These surveys were inaugurated in 1932 with an exhibition of paintings and was followed the next year with an exhibition of sculpture, watercolors, drawings and prints. Thereafter the shows were given biennially until 1937 when they became annual events with exhibitions of paintings in the fall and those of other mediums in the spring.

From the beginning the same principles have governed the method of assembling these exhibitions. There have been no juries of selection and no prizes have been awarded. The artists participate by invitation, and for the past ten years the selection of works shown has been made by members of the Museum staff. This year, because an earlier opening date made it impossible to get in touch with artists and dealers during the summer months when the show was organized, we have reverted to the method of selection in operation during the earlier years of this series when the choice of the work to be exhibited was left to the artist. Instead of setting aside funds for prize awards the Museum purchases works from these annual exhibitions to add to its permanent collection.

During the twenty-one years covered by these exhibitions revolutionary changes have occurred in art. The Museum has tried by recognizing new talents and giving precedent to significant tendencies to truly reflect these changes which have made this an exciting and vital period in American art.

Hermon More, *Director*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Whitney Museum of American Art wishes to make grateful acknowledgment of the cooperation and assistance of the following art galleries, and to express its thanks to the artists and private collectors who have generously made loans to the exhibitions.

### GALLERIES

1. A.C.A. Gallery
2. The Alan Gallery
3. Associated American Artists Galleries
4. Babcock Galleries, Inc.
5. Grace Borgenicht Gallery
6. Contemporary Arts, Inc.
7. The Downtown Gallery
8. Durlacher Bros.
9. Egan Gallery
10. Feigl Gallery
11. Fine Arts Associates
12. Rose Fried Gallery
13. Ganso Gallery
14. Grand Central Moderns
15. Hacker Gallery
16. John Heller Gallery, Inc.
17. Edwin Hewitt Gallery
18. Sidney Janis Gallery
19. M. Knoedler & Co., Inc.
20. Kootz Gallery
21. Kraushaar Galleries
22. Pierre Matisse Gallery
23. Betty McLean Gallery, Dallas
24. Midtown Galleries
25. Boris Mirski Gallery, Boston
26. The New Gallery

27. Betty Parsons Gallery
28. Passedoit Gallery
29. Peridot Gallery
30. Frank Perls Gallery, Beverly Hills
31. Frank K. M. Rehn Gallery
32. Roko Gallery
33. Paul Rosenberg & Co.
34. Harry Salpeter Gallery, Inc.
35. Bertha Schaefer Gallery
36. The Stable Gallery
37. Curt Valentin Gallery
38. Catherine Viviano Gallery
39. Weyhe Gallery
40. Willard Gallery

## COLLECTIONS

Mr. Stephen C. Clark

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Donohue

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Friedkin

Mr. Lincoln Kirstein

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mildwoff

## NOTE

Most of the paintings in this exhibition are for sale. For prices and information visitors are requested to inquire at the Information Desk. No commission is charged by the Museum on sales made.

# CATALOGUE

*Note: The number in parenthesis following the artist's address indicates his dealer as listed under "Galleries" on pages 3 and 4 of the catalogue.*

1. **ADLER, SAMUEL** Figures  
74 Grove St., N.Y.C. (5)
2. **ALBERS, JOSEF** Homage to the Square  
8 N. Forest Circle, Westhaven, Conn. (18)
3. **ARNEST, BERNARD** Underpass  
15 Arthur Ave., S.E., Minneapolis, Minn. (21)
4. **ARONSON, DAVID** Christ, Soldier and Angels  
1070 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. (25)
5. **AVERY, MILTON** The Seine  
294 W. 111th St., N.Y.C. (5)
6. **BARNET, WILL** The Cave  
50 W. 106th St., N.Y.C. (35)
7. **BAZIOTES, WILLIAM** Primeval Landscape  
212 W. 104th St., N.Y.C. (20)
8. **BISHOP, ISABEL** Out to Lunch  
857 Broadway, N.Y.C. (24)
9. **BLANCH, LUCILE** High Tension  
Woodstock, N. Y.
10. **BLAUSTEIN, AL** El Station  
402 E. 5th St., N.Y.C.



Bernard Arnest

*Underpass*

II. BLUME, PETER

Sherman, Conn. (8)

*Lent by Mr. Stephen C. Clark*

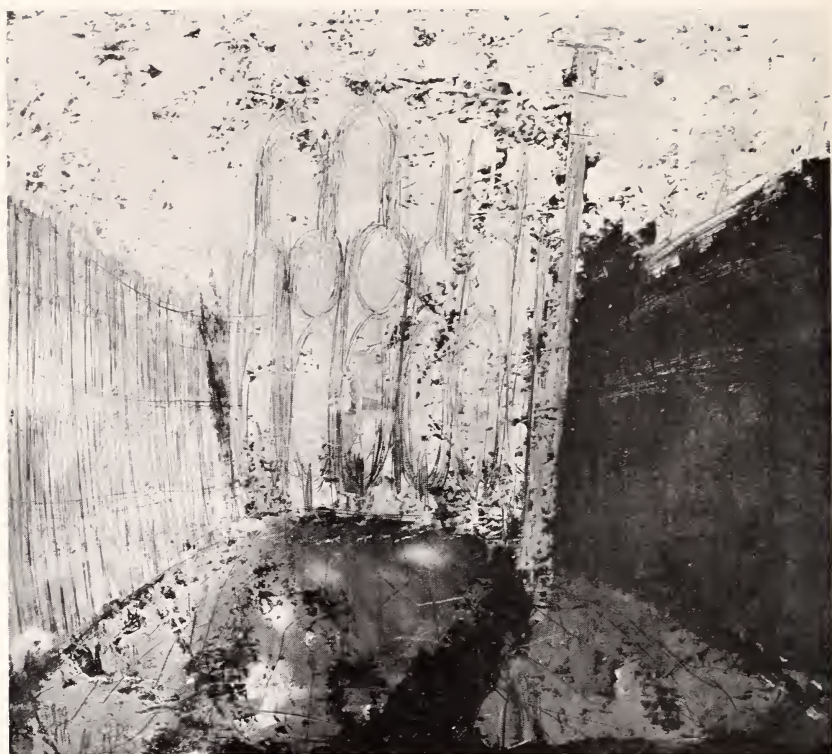
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| <p>12. <b>BOLOTOWSKY, ILYA</b><br/>University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo. (5)</p> <p>13. <b>BOOTH, CAMERON</b><br/>3408 47th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. (35)</p> <p>14. <b>BOVE, RICHARD</b><br/>7304 Tenth Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.</p> <p>15. <b>BROOKS, JAMES</b><br/>500 W. Broadway, N.Y.C. (5)</p> <p>16. <b>BROWN, CARLYLE</b><br/>Catherine Viviano Gallery, 42 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.</p> | <p>Open Diamond</p> <p>Sylvan</p> <p>Duomo Interior</p> <p>K—1953</p> <p>The Black Table</p> |
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*William Baziotos*

*Primeval Landscape*

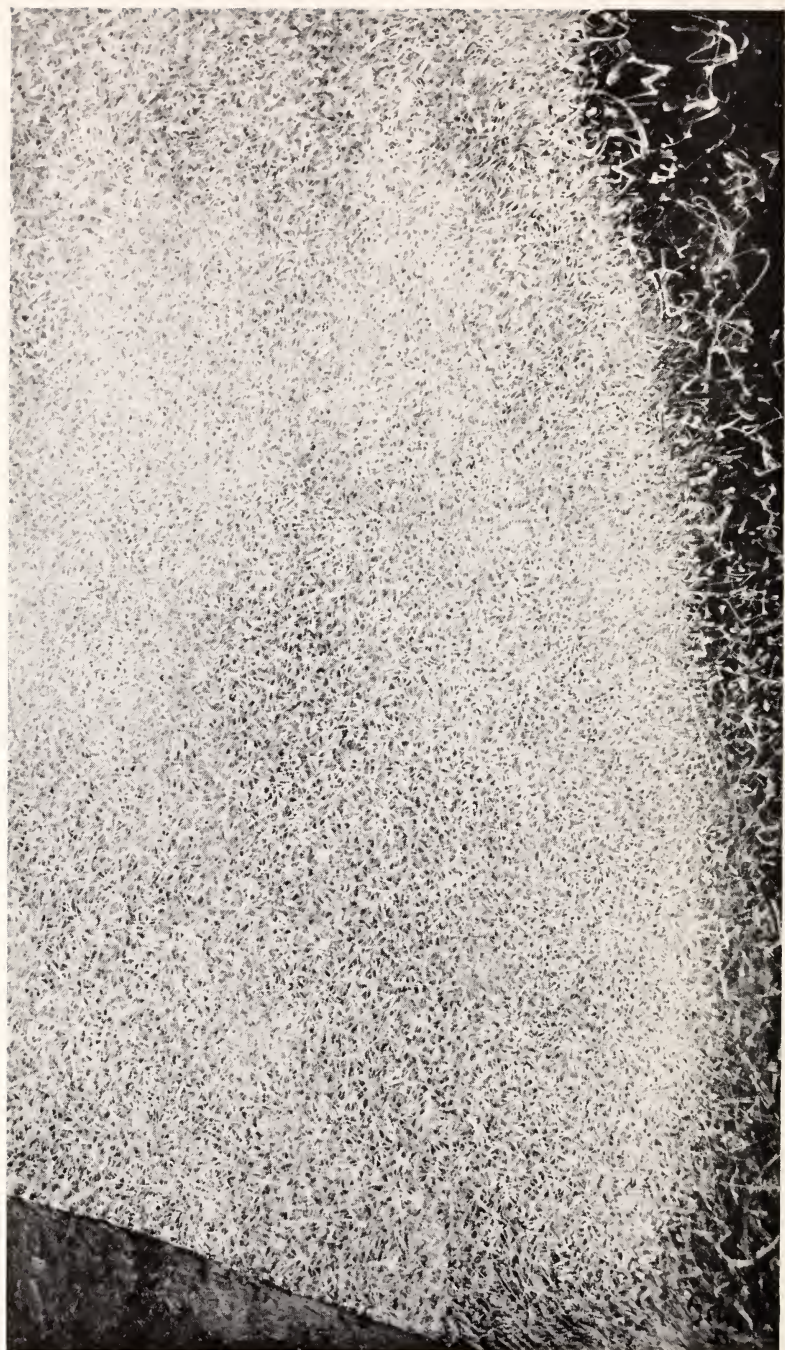


William Congdon

*Piazza San Marco, No. 1—1953*

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| 17. BROWNE, BYRON                            | Apollyon          |
| 216 E. 15th St., N.Y.C. (14)                 |                   |
| 18. BROWNING, COLLEEN                        | The Cage          |
| 2310 Second Ave., N.Y.C. (17)                |                   |
| 19. BUNCE, LOUIS                             | The Sea Beyond    |
| 2148 N. W. Flanders St., Portland, Ore. (16) |                   |
| 20. BUSA, PETER                              | 14th Street Venus |
| 203 W. 14th St., N.Y.C. (35)                 |                   |
| 21. CADMUS, PAUL                             | The Nap           |
| Midtown Galleries, 17 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.    |                   |

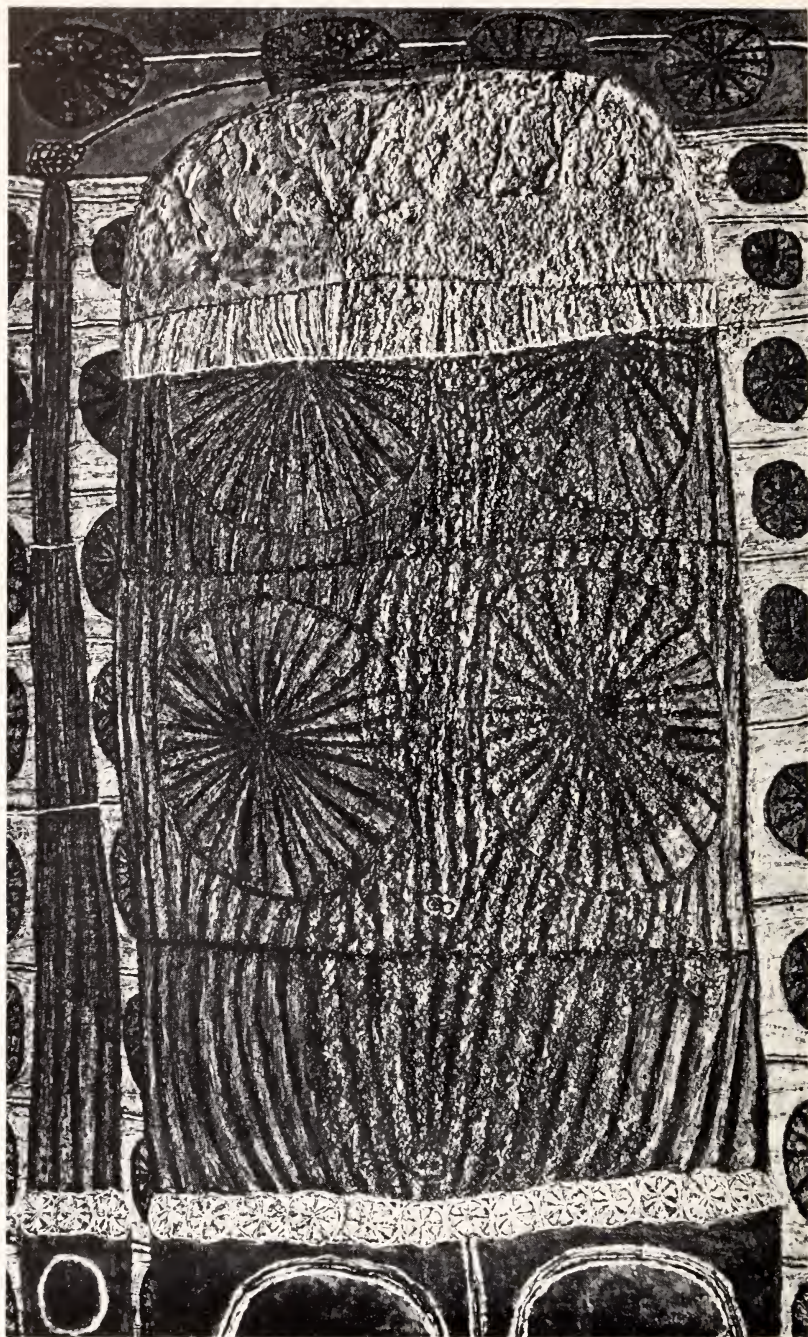
22. CANDELL, VICTOR Contact  
23 E. 9th St., N.Y.C. (14)
  
23. CHAIKEN, WILLIAM In the Forest  
691 Franklin D. Roosevelt Dr., N.Y.C.
  
24. CHAVEZ, EDWARD Medieval City  
Woodstock, N.Y. (13)
  
25. CLOAR, CARROLL Honeymoon Sundry Store  
The Alan Gallery, 32 E. 65th St., N.Y.C.
  
26. CONGDON, WILLIAM Piazza San Marco, No. 1—1953  
Betty Parsons Gallery, 15 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.
  
27. CONOVER, ROBERT Landscape  
169 Thompson St., N.Y.C. (26)
  
28. CRAWFORD, RALSTON New Orleans No. 2  
60 Gramercy Park, N.Y.C.
  
29. CROWLEY, HARRY Good Friday  
52 Sherwood Ave., Ossining, N.Y. (34)
  
30. CUTHBERT, VIRGINIA Factory, No. 2  
147 Bryant St., Buffalo, N.Y. (6)
  
31. DAVIS, STUART Medium Still Life  
43 Seventh Ave., N.Y.C. (7)
  
32. DAY, WORDEN Symbiosis  
363 E. 10th St., N.Y.C. (39)
  
33. DeKOONING, WILLEM Woman  
Sidney Janis Gallery, 15 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.



*Mark Tobey*

*Edge of August*

34. DICKINSON, EDWIN Rock of Port Issol  
420 W. 119th St., N.Y.C.
35. DILLER, BURGOYNE Third Theme  
24 W. 58th St., N.Y.C. (12)
36. DUNCAN, FRANK Upper Meadows  
Durlacher Bros., 11 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.
37. DURFEE, HAZARD Shore Flowers III  
132 W. 23rd St., N.Y.C. (14)
38. EDWARDS, ETHEL Glacial  
27 W. 67th St., N.Y.C. (14)
39. ELLIS, DEAN Grey Landscape  
1212 Donald Ave., Lakewood, Ohio (14).  
*Lent Anonymously*
40. ERNST, JIMMY Almost Silence  
20 Harbor View Ave., South Norwalk, Conn. (5)
41. EVERGOOD, PHILIP The Future Belongs to Them  
Southbury, Conn. (1)
42. FEININGER, LYONEL Rue St. Jacques, Paris  
235 E. 22nd St., N.Y.C. (37)
43. FIENE, ERNEST Studio Alcove  
331 E. 55th St., N.Y.C. (3)
44. FOGEL, SEYMOUR Ascending Form  
2411 Kinney Rd., Austin, Texas (23)
45. FORTESS, KARL E. All Gone  
2 W. 15th St., N.Y.C. (13)



*Joseph Glasco*

*Marvello*

46. FRARY, MICHAEL The Track  
Betty McLean Gallery, 8415 Varsity Plaza, Dallas, Texas
47. FRAUMENI, GUY Hills Near Florence  
504 W. 131st St., N.Y.C.
48. FRENCH, JARED The Double  
5 St. Luke's Pl., N.Y.C.  
*Lent by Mr. Lincoln Kirstein*
49. GATCH, LEE April Gothic  
Lambertville, N.J. (5)
50. GELB, JAN To Ocean  
966 Third Ave., N.Y.C.
51. GLARNER, FRITZ Relational Painting 1953, No. 61  
206 E. 70th St., N.Y.C. (12)
52. GLASCO, JOSEPH Marvello  
El Prado, N.M. (38)
53. GOTTLIEB, ADOLPH Sea and Tide  
130 State St., Brooklyn, N.Y. (20)
54. GRECO, ROBERT The Last Romantic  
Kellogg Hill Rd., R.F.D. 1, Westport, Conn.
55. GREENE, STEPHEN The Performance  
Durlacher Bros., 11 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.
56. GREENSTONE, MARION Composition No. 1, 1953  
277 Avenue C., N.Y.C.
57. GUGLIELMI, LOUIS Third at Ninetieth  
1430 Second Ave., N.Y.C. (2)
58. GUSTON, PHILIP Painting, 1953  
Woodstock, N.Y. (9)

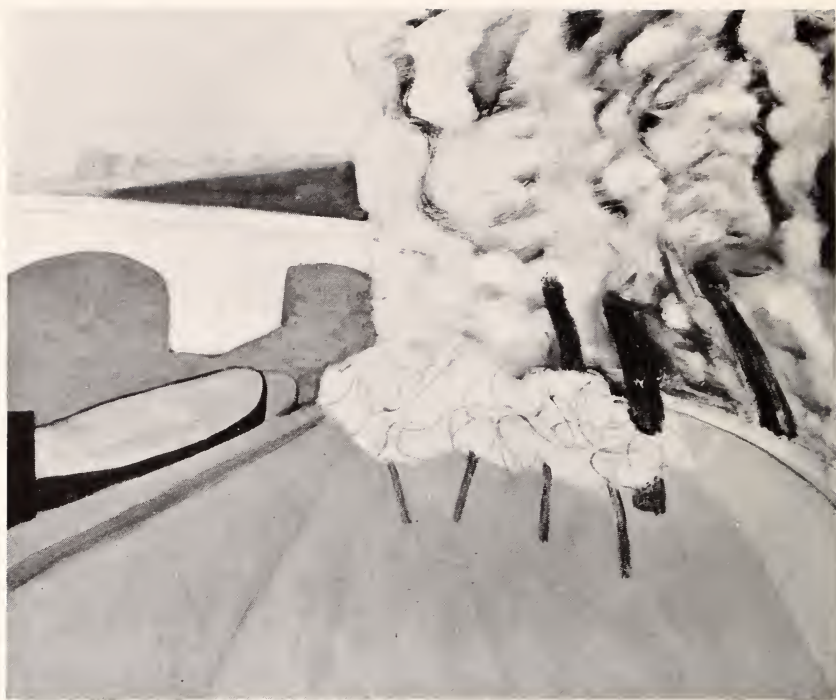
59. GWATHMEY, ROBERT Clearing  
1 W. 68th St., N.Y.C. (1)
60. HARTELL, JOHN Still Waters  
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. (21)
61. HELIKER, JOHN Of Maine  
26 Gold St., Yonkers, N.Y. (21)
62. HOFMANN, HANS Red Flight  
145 W. 14th St., N.Y.C. (20)
63. HOPPER, EDWARD Hotel by a Railroad  
3 Washington Sq., N., N.Y.C. (31)
64. HOPPER, JO N. Convent Across the Square Through  
3 Washington Sq., N., N.Y.C. Fire Escape



Leonid

Fish Weir Near Sprucehead

65. HOWARD, JOHN LANGLEY Sea Sperm  
122 W. 83rd St., N.Y.C.
  
66. KAMROWSKI, GEROME The World's Halolight is a  
Cosmic Shadow of any Place  
1501 Beechwood Dr., Ann Arbor, Mich.
  
67. KAROLY, FREDRIC Ebb Tide  
111 E. 48th St., N.Y.C. (36)
  
68. KATZMAN, HERBERT Bathers  
New City, N.Y. (2)
  
69. KINIGSTEIN, JONAH Peasant Supper  
176 Second Ave., N.Y.C. (2)
  
70. KIRSCHENBAUM, JULES Without the Hope of Dreams  
21 E. 10th St., N.Y.C.
  
71. KLINE, FRANZ Painting  
32 E. 10th St., N.Y.C. (9)
  
72. KNATHS, KARL Fishers  
Provincetown, Mass. (33)
  
73. KNIPSCHILD, ROBERT Galaxy  
108 W. 12th St., N.Y.C. (2)
  
74. LASKER, JOE Naples  
University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. (21)
  
75. LEONID Fish Weir Near Sprucehead  
108 E. 60th St., N.Y.C. (8)
  
76. LEVI, JULIAN Staysail  
282 W. 4th St., N.Y.C. (2)
  
77. LEVINE, JACK A Joy Forever  
97 St. Marks Pl., N.Y.C. (2)



Milton Avery

*The Seine*

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| <p>78. LEWANDOWSKI, EDMUND<br/>2302 Amelia Circle, Tallahassee, Fla. (2)</p> | <p>The Mutuels</p>              |
| <p>79. MANDEL, HOWARD<br/>Woodstock, N.Y. (13)</p>                           | <p>Paris</p>                    |
| <p>80. MANSO, LEO<br/>2 W. 15th St., N.Y.C. (4)</p>                          | <p>Concerning a Sunny Shore</p> |
| <p>81. MARCA-RELLI, CONRAD<br/>169 W. 21st St., N.Y.C. (36)</p>              | <p>The Square</p>               |
| <p>82. MARGO, BORIS<br/>966 Third Ave., N.Y.C. (27)</p>                      | <p>From February, 1953</p>      |

83. MARIN, JOHN Maine  
243 Clark Terrace, Cliffside, N.J. (7)
84. MARSH, REGINALD Taxi!  
One Union Sq., N.Y.C. (31)
85. MARTIN, FLETCHER Vacation  
Woodstock, N.Y. (3)
86. MASON, A. TRUMBULL Friendships  
149 E. 119th St., N.Y.C.
87. MATTSON, HENRY Let There be Light  
Woodstock, N.Y. (31)
88. McNEIL, GEORGE Painting  
246 Willoughby Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. (9)
89. MELCARTH, EDWARD The Balcony  
1364 Sixth Ave., N.Y.C. (8)
90. MOMMER, PAUL White Interior  
103 E. 17th St., N.Y.
91. MORGAN, RANDALL Assisi  
Grace Borgenicht Gallery, 61 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.
92. MORRIS, GEORGE L. K. IRT  
One Sutton Pl. S., N.Y.C. (2)
93. MORRISON, GEORGE Facade  
Grand Central Moderns, 130 E. 56th St., N.Y.C.
94. MOTHERWELL, ROBERT Dover Beach  
173 E. 94th St., N.Y.C. (20)
95. MURCH, WALTER Brace  
468 Riverside Dr., N.Y.C. (27)

96. NEWELL, ROY Memorial No. 2  
308 W. 15th St., N.Y.C. (15)
97. O'KEEFE, GEORGIA Mesa and Road East  
Abiquiu, N.M. (7)
98. OSVER, ARTHUR Embranchment  
Grand Central Moderns, 130 E. 56th St., N.Y.C.
99. PALMER, WILLIAM Resurrection  
Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, 318 Genesee St., Utica, N.Y. (24)



100. **PARK, CHARLOTTE** No. 12—1952  
500 West Broadway, N.Y.C.
101. **PEREIRA, I. RICE** Mecca  
121 W. 15th St., N.Y.C. (8)
102. **PERLIN, BERNARD** Marino, Italy  
M. Knoedler & Co., Inc., 14 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.
103. **PHILLIPS, MARJORIE** Octagonal Table  
1600 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. (8)
104. **PLATE, WALTER** Seascape  
Woodstock, N.Y. (13)
105. **POLLOCK, JACKSON** No. 5—1952  
Springs, L.I., N.Y. (18)
106. **POOR, HENRY VARNUM** The Giant Larch Tree  
New City, N.Y. (31)
107. **POUSETTE-DART, RICHARD** No. 1—1952  
Sloatsburg, N.Y. (27)
108. **PRESTOPINO, GREGORIO** Tracks  
20 Farm Lane, Roosevelt, N.J. (1)
109. **QUIRT, WALTER** Tired Shopper  
2816 W. 42nd St., Minneapolis, Minn.
110. **RATTNER, ABRAHAM** Crucifixion in Yellow  
University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.
111. **REFREGIER, ANTON** Man and His Art  
Woodstock, N.Y. (1)
112. **REINHARDT, AD** 7a-1953  
7 Washington Pl., N.Y.C. (27)

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| 113. | REINHARDT, SIEGFRIED<br>635 Craigwoods Dr., Craigwoods, Kirkwood, Mo.                       | Crucifixion             |
| 114. | ROSE, HERMAN<br>864 Broadway, N.Y.C. (1)<br><i>Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Friedkin</i>      | The Furnished Room      |
| 115. | RUSSELL, ALFRED<br>17 E. 9th St., N.Y.C. (29)   | Two Figures             |
| 116. | SAGE, KAY<br>Woodbury, Conn. (38)   | Third Paragraph         |
| 117. | SALEMME, ATTILIO<br>20 Commerce St., N.Y.C. (5)<br><i>Lent by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mildwoff</i> | Assignment              |
| 118. | SCHANKER, LOUIS<br>126 W. 23rd St., N.Y.C. (5)  | Boulder, Circle Image   |
| 119. | SCHNAKENBERG, HENRY<br>Newtown, Conn. (21)  | Rocks and Falling Water |
| 120. | SCHUCKER, CHARLES<br>Passedoit Gallery, 121 E. 57th St., N.Y.C.                             | Tree and Wind           |
| 121. | SCHWARTZ, MANFRED<br>22 E. 8th St., N.Y.C. (11)   | Aviary                  |
| 122. | SELIGMANN, KURT<br>Sugar Loaf, N.Y. (8)   | Eco-saïse               |
| 123. | SHAHN, BEN<br>Roosevelt, N.J. (7)   | Cybernetics             |
| 124. | SHEELER, CHARLES<br>Dows Lane, Irvington, N.Y. (7)  | Conversation Piece      |



Ben Shahn

Cybernetics

125. SIMON, SIDNEY The Daring Young Man  
New City, N.Y. (14)
126. SIPORIN, MITCHELL Promenade  
Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. (2)
127. SLOBODKINA, ESPHYR Flight  
112 W. 21st St., N.Y.C.
128. SMITH, JUDSON Black and White  
Woodstock, N.Y.
129. SOYER, RAPHAEL Figure in Blue  
410 Central Park W., N.Y.C. (3)
130. STAMOS, THEODOROS Voyage to Ithaca  
80 W. 82nd St., N.Y.C. (27)
131. STUART, DUNCAN R. Radiant Engine  
School of Design, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N.C.
132. STUEMPFIG, WALTER The Netwinders  
191 E. Evergreen St., Chestnut Hill, Pa. (8)
133. TAM, REUBEN Moon and Wave Action  
45 Tieman Pl., N.Y.C. (2)  
*Lent by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Donohue*
134. TANGUY, YVES Mirage le Temps  
Woodbury, Conn. (22)
135. TOBEY, MARK Edge of August  
4743 Brooklyn Ave., Seattle, Wash. (40)
136. TOMKINS, MARGARET Golden Landscape  
2413 10th Ave., N., Seattle, Wash.
137. TONEY, ANTHONY Cityscape  
547 Riverside Dr., N.Y.C. (1)



*Judson Smith*

*Black and White*

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| <p>138. <b>TOOKER, GEORGE</b><br/>77 State St., Brooklyn, N.Y. (17)</p>            | <p>Highway</p>              |
| <p>139. <b>TWORKOV, JACK</b><br/>85 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C. (9)</p>                    | <p>Day Round</p>            |
| <p>140. <b>VICENTE, ESTEBAN</b><br/>138 Second Ave., N.Y.C.</p>                    | <p>Painting</p>             |
| <p>141. <b>VICKREY, ROBERT</b><br/>55 Christopher St., N.Y.C. (24)</p>             | <p>The Barker</p>           |
| <p>142. <b>VISSER'T HOOFT, MARTHA</b><br/>64 Cleveland Ave., Buffalo, N.Y. (6)</p> | <p>Flowers of Evil</p>      |
| <p>143. <b>VYTLACIL, VACLAV</b><br/>Sparkill, N.Y. (10)</p>                        | <p>Two Pompeian Figures</p> |

144. WARSHAW, HOWARD Spectator  
Frank Perls Gallery, 350 N. Camden Dr., Beverly Hills, Cal.
145. WEBER, MAX The Rocky Mountains  
10 Hartley Rd., Great Neck, N.Y. (33)
146. WICKISER, RALPH L. Number Three  
Fine Arts Dept., Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.
147. WILDE, JOHN The Usurpers  
335 S. First St., Evansville, Wisc. (17)
148. WILLIAMS, WALTER Store Front Christ  
140 Humphrey St., Englewood, N.J. (32)
149. WOLINS, JOE Modeste on the Steppes  
44 East 20th St., N.Y.C. (6)
150. WOODRUFF, HALE Quartet  
22 E. 8th St., N.Y.C. (35)
151. ZERBE, KARL Harlem  
Snake Hill Rd., Belmont, Mass. (2)



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